

Appl. No. 10/781,154
Amdt. Dated July 26, 2006
Reply to Office Action of April 28, 2006

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REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the non-final Office action mailed April 28, 2006. Reexamination and reconsideration in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks is respectfully solicited.

Claims 1-4, 6, 12-14, 16, and 17 are now pending in this application, with Claims 1, 6, and 12 being the independent claims. Claims 1, 6, 12, 14, and 16 have been amended, Claims 5, 7-11, 15, and 18-25 have been cancelled herein. No new matter is believed to have been added.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

Claims 1-6 and 12-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter. In response, Applicants have amended each of independent Claims 1, 6, and 12, and various ones of the dependent claims as appropriate, to overcome the indefiniteness alleged in the Office action. Applicants submit that the independent claims now even more distinctly and definitely recite the subject matter of the instant invention.

In view of the submitted amendments, reconsideration and withdrawal of the § 112, second paragraph rejections is requested.

Conclusion

Based on the above, Claims 1-4, 6, 12-14, 16, and 17 are patentable over the citations of record. The art of record is not understood to disclose or suggest the inventive concept of the present invention as defined by the claims.

Hence, Applicant submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections and rejections set forth in the above-noted Office action, and an early Notice of Allowance are requested.

If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions that could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the below-listed number.

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If for some reason Applicant has not paid a sufficient fee for this response, please consider this as authorization to charge Ingrassia, Fisher & Lorenz, Deposit Account No. 50-2091 for any fee which may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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